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Establishing a Joint Committee on Russian Interference in the 2016 Election  
and the Presidential Transition.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on Rules

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Establishing a Joint Committee on Russian Interference in  
the 2016 Election and the Presidential Transition.

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate  
2 concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

4       There is hereby established in Congress a Joint Com-  
5 mittee on Russian Interference in the 2016 Election and  
6 the Presidential Transition (hereafter in this resolution re-  
7 ferred to as the “Joint Committee”).

8 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

9       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Joint Committee shall consist  
10 of 16 Members appointed as follows:

1                             (1) The Speaker of the House of Representa-  
2                             tives shall appoint 8 Members of the House to serve  
3                             on the Joint Committee, of whom—

4                                 (A) 4 shall be Members of the majority  
5                             party of the House; and

6                                 (B) 4 shall be Members of the minority  
7                             party of the House appointed after consultation  
8                             with the Minority Leader of the House.

9                             (2) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall ap-  
10                          point 8 Senators to serve on the Joint Committee,  
11                          of whom—

12                                 (A) 4 shall be Senators of the majority  
13                             party of the Senate; and

14                                 (B) 4 shall be Senators of the minority  
15                             party of the Senate appointed after consultation  
16                             with the Minority Leader of the Senate.

17                             (b) LEADERSHIP.—

18                                 (1) Co-CHAIRS.—The Speaker of the House of  
19                             Representatives shall designate one Member of the  
20                             Joint Committee who is a Member of the House to  
21                             serve as one of the co-chairs of the Joint Committee,  
22                             and the Majority Leader of the Senate shall des-  
23                             ignate one Member of the Joint Committee who is  
24                             a Senator to serve as the other co-chair of the Joint  
25                             Committee.

1                             (2) Co-VICE CHAIRS.—The Minority Leader of  
2                             the House of Representatives shall designate one  
3                             Member of the Joint Committee who is a Member of  
4                             the House to serve as one of the co-vice chairs of the  
5                             Joint Committee, and the Minority Leader of the  
6                             Senate shall designate one Member of the Joint  
7                             Committee who is a Senator to serve as the other  
8                             co-vice chair of the Joint Committee.

9                             (c) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Joint Committee  
10                            shall not affect the power of the remaining Members to  
11                            execute the functions of the Joint Committee, and shall  
12                            be filled in the same manner as the original selection.

13 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

14                             (a) STUDY AND REVIEW.—The Joint Committee  
15                            shall conduct a full study and review of the following  
16                            issues:

17                                 (1) Attempts to influence elections for Federal  
18                             office held in 2016 elections including, but not lim-  
19                             ited to, the general and primary elections for the of-  
20                             fice of President and the general and primary elec-  
21                             tions for the office of Representative in, or Delegate  
22                             or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress, as de-  
23                             scribed in the October 7, 2016, Joint Statement  
24                             from the Department of Homeland Security and Of-

1 fice of the Director of National Intelligence on Elec-  
2 tion Security.

3 (2) Related attempts to undermine trust in  
4 United States electoral processes.

5 (3) The attribution of such attempts.

6 (4) All policies, decisions, and activities taken  
7 by the executive branch to respond to such attempts.

8 (5) Cybersecurity breaches tied to attempts to  
9 influence election outcomes or faith in the electoral  
10 system.

11 (6) Additional cybersecurity threats and  
12 vulnerabilities that may contribute to future infor-  
13 mation warfare operations against the United  
14 States.

15 (7) Recommendations for improving resilience  
16 against future information warfare operations.

17 (8) Recommendations for improving the cyber-  
18 security of electoral functions.

19 (9) Contacts between foreign nationals and can-  
20 didates running in the 2016 elections (or their cam-  
21 paign staff) which occurred during the campaign for  
22 those elections.

23 (10) Contacts between foreign nationals and of-  
24 ficials who were elected to office in the 2016 elec-

1       tions (or their staff) which occurred after the elec-  
2       tion but before such officials took office.

3               (11) Any other relevant issues relating to the  
4       election influence operations, response to such oper-  
5       ations, or the investigation by Congress into such  
6       operations.

7               (b) REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDA-  
8       TIONS.—

9               (1) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
10      after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the  
11      Joint Committee shall submit to Congress a final re-  
12      port on the investigation and study conducted under  
13      subsection (a) and its findings and recommendations  
14      relating to the issues described in such subsection.

15               (2) STANDARD FOR FINDINGS AND REC-  
16      OMMENDATIONS.—The Joint Committee may not  
17      make any finding or recommendation for purposes of  
18      paragraph (1) except upon the majority vote of the  
19      Members from each House, respectively.

20               (3) INTERIM REPORTS.—In addition to the final  
21      report submitted under paragraph (1), the Joint  
22      Committee may submit to Congress interim reports  
23      on the investigation and study conducted under sub-  
24      section (a) prior to the submission of such final re-  
25      port.

1                             (4) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—Any report submitted  
2                             under this subsection shall be issued in unclassified  
3                             form but may include a classified annex.

4 **SEC. 4. RULES AND PROCEDURES.**

5                             In carrying out its duties under this resolution, the  
6                             Joint Committee is authorized to—

7                             (1) hold such hearings, to sit and act at such  
8                             places and times within the United States during the  
9                             sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of Con-  
10                             gress;

11                             (2) require the attendance of such witnesses  
12                             and the production of such books, papers, and docu-  
13                             ments, administer such oaths, take such testimony,  
14                             procure such printing and binding as it deems nec-  
15                             essary; and

16                             (3) make such rules respecting its organization  
17                             and procedures as it deems necessary.

18 **SEC. 5. STAFF; FUNDING.**

19                             (a) STAFF.—

20                             (1) IN GENERAL.—The co-chairs of the Joint  
21                             Committee, upon consultation with the co-vice chairs  
22                             of the Joint Committee, may employ and fix the  
23                             compensation of such staff as the co-chairs consider  
24                             necessary to carry out this resolution.

1                             (2) DETAIL OF HOUSE AND SENATE EMPLOY-  
2                             EES.—Upon the request of the Joint Committee, the  
3                             head of any office of the House of Representatives  
4                             or Senate is authorized to detail, without reimburse-  
5                             ment, any of the personnel of such office to the  
6                             Joint Committee to assist the Joint Committee in  
7                             carrying out its duties.

8                             (b) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-  
9                             priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this  
10                            resolution, of which—

11                            (1) 50 percent shall be paid out of the applica-  
12                             ble accounts of the House of Representatives, to be  
13                             paid on vouchers signed by the co-chair or co-vice  
14                             chair of the Joint Committee who is a Member of  
15                             the House of Representatives, and approved in the  
16                             manner directed by the Committee on House Admin-  
17                             istration of the House of Representatives; and

18                            (2) 50 percent shall be paid out of the contin-  
19                             gent fund of the Senate, to be paid on vouchers  
20                             signed by the co-chair or co-vice chair of the Joint  
21                             Committee who is a Senator, and approved in the  
22                             manner directed by the Committee on Rules and Ad-  
23                             ministration of the Senate.

1   **SEC. 6. TERMINATION.**

2       The Joint Committee shall terminate upon the expi-  
3   ration of the 30-day period which begins on the date the  
4   Joint Committee submits its final report under section  
5   3(b)(1).

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